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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Demand into retail was fair to moderate, best for ads; food service was moderate to good, seasonally strong for fairs/festivals and catering services. Supplies were adequate to tight with smaller sized product in the closest balance. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were in good balance to tight, and wings were at least adequate. Dark meat was available with leg quarters in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 6/07/04-06/11/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	83.00-86.00	85.44	18	78.74	38
Chicago	78.00-81.00	80.27	44	82.44	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	82.37	28
Denver	83.50	83.50	14	84.25	16
Detroit	80.00-82.00	81.75	16	83.17	54
Los Angeles	84.00	83.98	65	86.89	123
New York	81.00-84.00	82.72	25	79.56	59
Philadelphia	81.00-83.00	82.58	12	81.93	23
Pittsburgh	82.00-84.00	83.11	14	82.23	57
St. Louis	79.75-80.00	79.31	23	80.07	45
San Francisco	84.50	85.15	31	80.37	88

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	06/07/04	Change/Last Wk	05/31/04	06/09/03
609	82.12	0.28	81.84	61.44

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	84.00-86.00	84.60	31
Central	81.25-88.75	85.10	79
West	89.00-93.00	89.87	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	78.50-79.50	79.68	86
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,123	75.00-81.00	78.37

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	258.50	1,501
BREASTS - B/S	259.50	5,616
BREASTS - WHOLE	136.50	1,900
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	1,053
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	8,201
WINGS	118.50	3,017

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate for early week business. Offerings ranged adequate to balanced with the lighter birds noted in the better position. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Legs and thighs were sufficient with leg quarters noted as available. Wings were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best for feature activity and fast food promotions. Supplies were well balanced to closely cleared with lighter weights well cleared to tight. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Breast items were balanced to tight, and wings were at least adequate with limited interest. Dark meat was sufficient, but leg quarters were more available due in part to export issues. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher when compared to last Monday levels. The market tone was generally firm. Trading reported for this week deliveries on regular commitments at mainly higher prices and new negotiations at mixed prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Discounted product was noted with interest slow to develop. Buying activity was moderate at best and focused on current needs. Retailer demand was moderate with best interest noted where features planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was mixed on parts with breast firm, wings steady and leg quarters barely steady, with balance of parts about steady. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 38-42 and 4/10s 42-48, boneless leg meat 103-104, wings 101-104, bone-in breast 143-155 and boneless 248-254. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 91.96 down .25 with the volume unchanged at 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased into St. Louis and Detroit areas, unchanged into Chicago from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to firm. Supplies tight to short of full trade needs. Food service and retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Catering, fairs/festivals and BBQ outlets received best call. Floor stocks were adequate to short. Weights mostly desirable. Parts trade was mixed. Wings and leg quarters supplies were fully available, drums and breast cuts limited. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast cuts and drums; steady on thighs and wings; leg quarters barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at least moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were adequate to tight, with 3 pound and lighter sizes in the closer balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to instances heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance and clearing. Leg items were adequate to available and wings were fully sufficient for trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	82-98
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	85.71
NO. OF BOXES	9,645

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of breast items were balanced with current needs. Legs and thighs were generally adequate and leg quarters were noted as available. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, cautious and leg quarters, and mostly steady on the balance.

ICE-PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	250-255		248.32	483,330
TENDERLOINS	225		218.49	85,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	133-134		140.26	121,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	133		134.24	82,880
LEGS	53-54		53.39	244,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39		39.79	406,224
DRUMSTICKS	42-43		47.30	227,500
THIGHS	45-46		54.23	133,503
B/S THIGHS	116-117		115.65	81,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		106.41	150,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.01	33,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		31.11	13,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		58.52	21,280

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,365	172.00-291.00	235-249	242.35
TENDERLOINS	243	215.00-260.00	225-230	225.83
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO - REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO - REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,027	34.00-37.00	34-35	34.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,855	37.00-39.00	37	37.21
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO - REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO - REPORT		
THIGHS	234	34.00-45.00	42-43	42.60

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS FOR MONDAY 03-MAY-04

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	06/07	06/03	06/03	05/31	05/27
ALA	4,041	3,997	5.23	1,322	5.12
ARK	5,372	5,177	4.99	(A)	4.95
DELMARVA	2,254	2,284	5.48	(A)	5.52
KY-LA-TN	2,014	1,923	4.95	(A)	4.90
MISS	3,030	3,043	5.36	2,640	5.33
NC	2,451	2,423	6.24	1,142	6.14
TEXAS	2,438	2,222	4.96	2,497	5.12
TOTAL	21,600	21,069	5.28	9,431	5.24
MON	21,600(B)			9,431(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jun 2004 is estimated to be 32,316,000 up 128.35 percent from a week ago. and up 3.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 14,152,000, last year 31,277,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	739	249.00-330.00	249-252	252.62
TENDERLOINS	335	220.00-280.00	225-230	237.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	132.00-140.00	133-136	135.77
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	45.00-60.00	49-51	50.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	33.00-37.00	33-34.5	33.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	880	37.00-39.00	37-38	38.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	260	93.00-109.00	93-96	96.08
WINGS (CUT)	523	109.00-119.00	117-119	116.31
DRUMSTICKS	94	45.00-60.00	-	47.23
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	82	114.00-135.00	-	120.37

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUNE 7, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	76.00 - 83.50	79.96
		80.44

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 07-JUN-2004 TO 11-JUN-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	244.00 - 261.00	244.00 - 254.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	128.00 - 149.50	133.00 - 138.00
LEGS	44.00 - 61.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34.00 - 39.00	36.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	40.00 - 52.00	-
THIGHS	34.50 - 54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	94.00 - 111.00	103.00 - 106.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 49.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	99.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	102.75-106.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	108-116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		162-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-JUN-2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED —— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	16.00-17.00	1,240,000	572,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.97	16.40		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-19.00	12.75-17.50	3,018,800	2,042,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.67	16.03		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JUN-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-10.5	9.25-10.25	9.83
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-JUN-2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED —— PRICES ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-18.50	11.50-17.50	4,838,800	3,553,600
WTD AVERAGE	17.15	15.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate or better. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.75	10-10.25	10.04

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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